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PATENT APPLICATION *78-30-02*

Our Docket No. 990356.ORI

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE *7/10*

Re App : Stephen Nuss : October 16, 2002
Serial No. : 09/760,136 : Art Unit 3736
Filed : January 12, 2001 : Examiner Wingood
For : TITANIUM MOLYBDENUM ALLOY GUIDEWIRE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

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This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002.
Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 4 in the 4th full paragraph please amend the paragraph to read as follows.

The titanium molybdenum alloy is preferably a mixture of about 78% titanium 11.5% molybdenum 6% zirconium and 4.5% tin by weight.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the abstract with the following:

B A guidewire for medical use such as in vascular and nonvascular systems. The guidewire made from a titanium molybdenum alloy wire with a composition of approximately 78% titanium 11.5% molybdenum 6% zirconium and 4.5% tin by weight such that it is softer than stainless steel guidewires and stiffer than NiTi alloy guidewires. The distal end of the guidewire is of a smaller diameter and softer than the proximal end and fitted with a coil for springiness such that the distal end will bend when encountering curves in the body passageways. The distal tip may be heat treated for a gradient of softness with the distal tip being the softest. The distal end may also be tapered to provide an additional gradient of